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REMARKS

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1. Between 27 April and 3 May 1952, no flying was observed at Wernauchen airfield except for a jet bomber which circled the field on 29 April between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m.

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2. At 4 p.m. on 27 April, 40 jet bombers were located at the field. Of these planes, 4 were parked on the western dispersal area, 30 were arranged without any pattern in front of the hangars, and 6 were in front of the eastern hangar. (2) At 11 a.m. on 1 May,

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3. At 7:20 p.m. on 23 April, nine tank cars were near the fuel dump. At 9:45 a.m. on 24 April, these tank cars were shunted to the Wernauchen railroad station where they were coupled to the regular freight train leaving for Wriezen at 1 p.m. (3) At 4 p.m. on 27 April, 17 tank cars were at the fuel dump. (4) One tank car was there at 5:30 p.m. on 28 April.

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4. At 8 p.m. on 29 April, 50 soldiers with baggage but without weapons marched from the railroad station to the billeting area, under the command of a lieutenant. The E's wore black-bordered black epauletts. (5) Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 28 April, individual rounds and short bursts of fire were heard from the direction of the target range.

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5. On 3 May, 32 jet bombers were observed at the field. Between 1 and 6 p.m. on 5 May, there was no flying. Between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 6 May, there was local flying by three type-27 jet bombers, the weather was clear. Between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 7 May, flying was practiced by jet bombers in clear weather. The wind shifted from

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west to east. Ten type-27s were observed taking off and landing at the field. Seven type-27s [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] and two type-30s [redacted] Between 8:40 a.m. and noon on 8 May, there was little flying by a type-27 jet bomber [redacted] and two type-30 jet bombers [redacted] 50X1-HUM

The weather was fair. Between 6 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. on 9 May, eight type-27s, [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] and 3 type-30s [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Between 6 and 9:30 a.m. on 10 May, the sky was partly cloudy. A type-27 [redacted] and two type-30s [redacted] were observed flying. 50X1-HUM

6. The foundation of the northern taxiway was completed to a length of 360 meters. Two hardstands were partially completed. (6) [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the southern spur track was to be extended toward the east beyond the edge of the field as far as the small woods. The surveying was already done. (7) 50X1-HUM

7. Twenty-three wooden lids for the gasoline tanks in the fuel dump were being manufactured in the workshop [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Between 28 April and 3 May, no fuel shipments were observed arriving at the fuel dump.

8. Between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. from 28 April to 2 May, there was no flying at the field. Between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on 3 May, no flights were observed except for one plane which took off from the field at 4:16 p.m. but did not return until 8 p.m. On 4 and 5 May, there was no flying. 50X1-HUM

9. From 8 p.m. on 6 May to 3 a.m. of the next morning, [redacted] The weather was cloudless. On 7 May, 36 jet bombers were observed at the field. Most of the planes were parked in front of the hangars. Between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., there was flying by type-27 and type-30 jet bombers. The cloud base was at an altitude of 1,500 meters. The planes took off from west to east up to 11:30 a.m. and from east to west after midday. On 8 May, there was no flying up to 8:30 a.m. 50X1-HUM

10. [redacted]

11. On 28 April, a type-27 jet bomber was towed backwards into a hangar. [redacted] the tail of the plane had to be pulled down by means of a rope before the plane could be pushed in to the empty hangar. (10) 50X1-HUM

12. On the mornings of 6 and 7 May, before work started at the field, ten boxcars were observed on the spur track. Bombs about 1.5 meters long were being unloaded from the cars which came from Magdeburg-Buckau, [redacted] (10) Between 28 April and 7 May, two trains of 30 tank cars each arrived at the field. Two tank cars of the second train were especially large. (11) 50X1-HUM

13. At 2:30 p.m. on 7 May, four new tank trucks, each with a tank trailer of the same size as the truck [redacted] were observed at the field for the first time. (12) A total of 20 tank trucks with a trailer each [redacted] on the apron in front of the hangars. 50X1-HUM

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14. A surface of 5,060 square meters of the northern taxiway was concreted. Hardstands 1 and 2 were completed. (13)
15. The following air activity was observed at the field between 13 and 16 May:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>	
13 May	6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	2 type-30 jet bombers	50X1-HUM
		1 additional plane, 1 type-27	50X1-HUM
13 May	9 p.m. to about 11 p.m.	2 planes	50X1-HUM
14 May	6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 jet bombers,	50X1-HUM
		circled the field	
15 May	5 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 jet bombers,	50X1-HUM
		circled the field	
16 May	6 a.m. to 4 p.m.	9 jet bombers,	50X1-HUM
		and one plane	50X1-HUM

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16. At 8:30 p.m. on 6 May, flying by jet bombers started at the field. The planes took off and landed while searchlights were in operation. 50X1-HUM
17. On 5 May, 14 railroad tank cars with gasoline arrived [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] and 17 railroad tank cars with gasoline arrived [redacted]  
Both shipments came from Riesa. (14) Another train of 15 railroad tank cars with gasoline arrived [redacted] on 8 May, also 50X1-HUM  
coming from Riesa. (15) Seventeen full tank cars left the field. 50X1-HUM
18. On 5 May, bombs were being unloaded from eight cars on the spur track. The bombs were 30 to 40 cm in diameter and were as long as the width of a truck. [redacted] the cars came from Buckau in the Burg district. 50X1-HUM
19. The officers of the Werneuchen military post were not restricted to quarters, but they were not allowed to leave the military post. Soviet patrols controlled the trains leaving Werneuchen for soldiers and officers. The Soviet officers had to surrender all their civilian clothes. Germans who lent or sold civilian clothes to Russians were punished severely. This order was issued by Baradin (fnu) the field commandant who was particularly strict. (16)
20. There was no fraternization with Germans, such as competitive athletics etc. The Russians were not allowed to go dancing or to show themselves in public with German girls; otherwise, both the Russian and German were punished.
21. In the summer of 1951, the personnel of the field was allegedly transferred to Juckerbog while the field was being improved. Commandant Baradin also left the field and returned at the end of 1951. Lieutenant Lasov (fnu) was stationed at the field. (16) Baradin and Lasov spoke German fluently.

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[ ] Comments.

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- (1) At that time, the other bomber and ground attack regiments and most of the fighter regiments conducted very little or no flying. The reason is not definitely known, but it was possibly connected with May Day celebrations.
- (2) According to previous information, a total of 40 type-27 and type-30 planes are probably assigned to the two bomber regiments. 50X1-HUM
- (3) According to previous reports, a total of 14 tank cars arrived in Werneuchen on 22 and 23 April. [ ]  
The tank cars observed are probably identical with this previously reported shipment. 50X1-HUM
- (4) This information confirms information in a previous report. [ ]
- (5) Soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets belong to army signal troops who also serve radar sets near air force installations. So far, no such set has been observed at Werneuchen airfield. The appearance of these soldiers may indicate that a radar set is to be erected there.
- (6) Construction on the northern taxiway started on 26 February 1952. Thus, the completion of about one tenth of the taxiway which was to be 3,040 meters long took nearly three months.
- (7) The planned extension of the spur track to the new fuel dump in the woods southeast of the airfield buildings was previously reported. 50X1-HUM

- (9) Since the hangars at Werneuchen airfield have an inside height of 8 meters, conclusions can be drawn as to the height of the rudder assembly.
- (10) The well known air force ammunition depot in Buckau [ ] 50X1-HUM
- (11) According to a previous report, 61 tank cars were dispatched to Werneuchen by order of the Berlin dispatch office during this period. [ ] 50X1-HUM
- (12) Such trailers were previously observed at other airfields.
- (13) This information generally agrees with paragraph 6 [ ] except for the difference that the observations were made at an interval of one week.
- (14) According to a previous report, a total of 53 tank cars arrived in Werneuchen between 2 and 5 May. [ ]
- (15) No comparative information has been received [ ] 50X1-HUM

- (16) The names and ranks of the officers are reported for the first time.

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